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ABOUT THE COVER

The cover photo is of the Methodist Church, built in 1886 in the town of Marysville, 20 miles northwest of Helena. This early day boom town was founded by Thomas Cruse, owner of the Drum Lummon mine. According to author Muriel Wolle in her book, "Montana Paydirt", "Thomas Cruse was asked to donate two lots for a community church and grudgingly gave one. Unaccountably, when the building was completed it covered two lots".

Photo by Jerry Eaton

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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

1. Civilian Labor Force - the number of persons 16 years and older, defined as employed or unemployed, excluding members of the Armed Forces.

2. Employed - those persons who work for pay or profit during a week or, as unpaid family workers, work 15 hours or more during a week. Also included as employed are those who, although not working, had some job attachment and were not looking for work, including persons temporarily absent from a job due to illness, bad weather, vacation, or labor-management dispute, whether or not they were in a pay status during their time off.

3. Unemployment - the number of persons who, for an entire week, did not work at all, were able to work and available for work, and (1) were looking for work or (2) would have looked for work except that (a) they were waiting to return to a job from which they had been laid off, or (b) they were waiting to report to a new wage and salary job scheduled to start within the following 30 days (and were not in school during the week).

4. Unemployment Rate - the number of unemployed expressed as a percent of the civilian labor force.

5. Residence Data - a count of employment by where people live.

6. Establishment Data - a count of employment by where people work.

7. Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force Series - to facilitate the evaluation of the labor force, recurrent yearly movements have been isolated and removed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics seasonal factor method.

8. Composite Index - an aggregate of six leading indicators. The indicators used are: Manufacturing - Employment, Average Weekly Hours, total Accessions and Layoffs; Average Weekly Initial Claims; and statewide Building Permits. A reverse trend was used for Layoffs and Average Weekly Initial Claims. This composite index is in no manner or form comparable to the United States composite index as published in "Business Conditions Digest", U. S. Department of Commerce.

9. Real Spendable Average Weekly Earnings of Private Nonagricultural Production Workers - represents the earnings of a hypothetical individual after deductions for State Income, Federal Income and Social Security taxes, and adjustment for change in purchasing power since 1967. This individual is assumed to be sole support for a family of four, earn the average weekly gross earnings of production workers in Montana's private nonagricultural industries, and take standard deductions on State and Federal income taxes. Taxes were computed using standard tax tables, and purchasing power was adjusted by deflating Spendable Earnings based on the national Consumer Price Index.

10. WIN - Work Incentive Program for Aid to Dependent Children recipients.

11. CETA - Comprehensive Employment and Training Act of 1974.

12. CETA-CEP - Concentrated Employment Program funded under the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act.

13. SMSA - Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area as determined by Office of Management and Budget. Must have a central city with population of 50,000 or more.

14. LMA - Labor Market Area as determined by the Montana Employment Security Division consists of a central city or cities with population of less than 50,000, and the economically integrated geographical area surrounding it.

MONTANA EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

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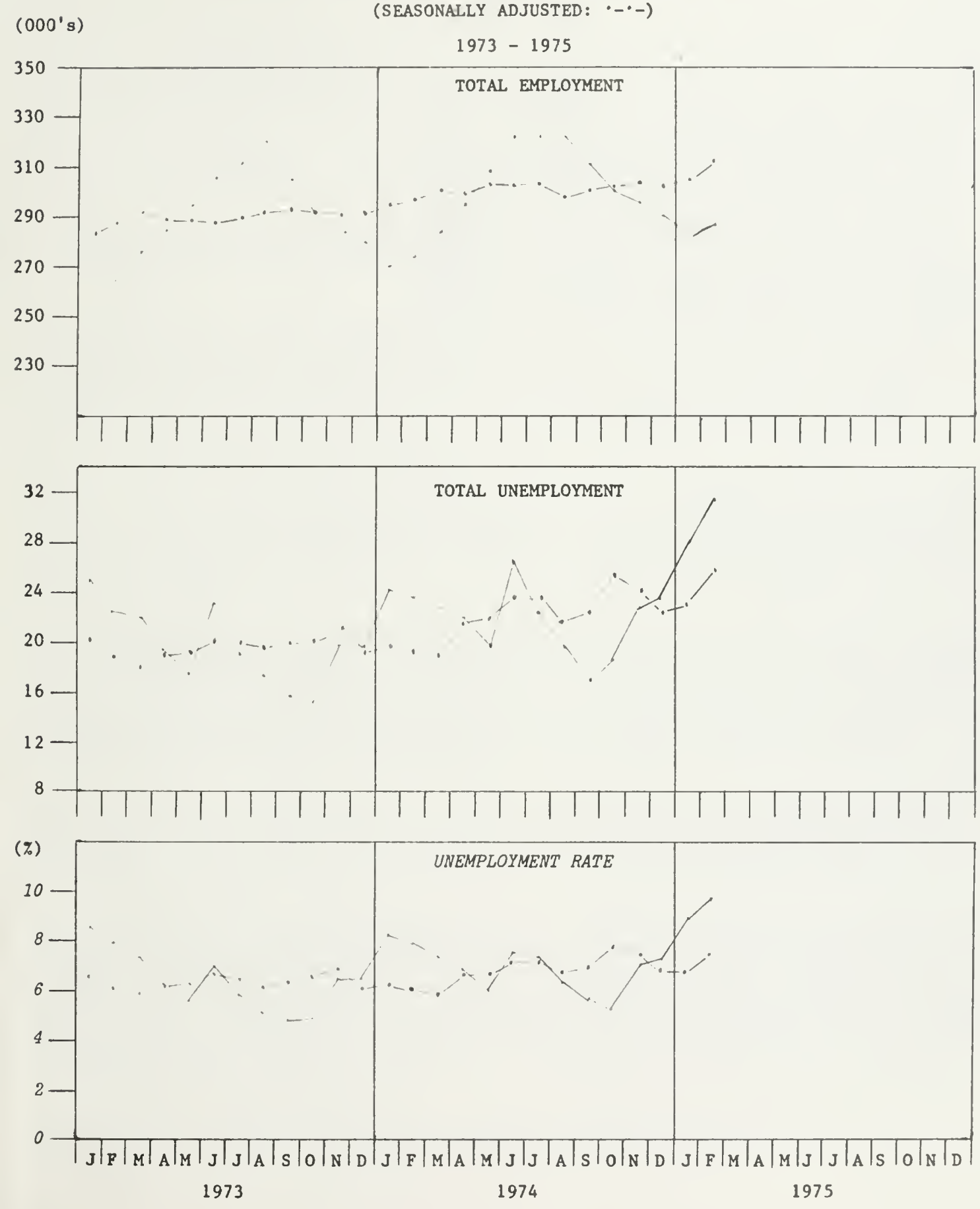


HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTANA LABOR MARKET

FEBRUARY 1975

STATE OF MONTANA

Montana's civilian labor force totaled 311,900 in January of 1975, a 5.5% increase from the same month one year earlier. Unemployment totals increased 3,000 from last January and the unemployment rate jumped from 8.5% recorded in 1974 to 9.0% this year. Western Montana, including the Missoula and Kalispell Labor Market Areas are experiencing the state's highest unemployment rates. Much of the work in these areas especially Kalispell is highly seasonal which normally creates high unemployment during the colder months. With deteriorating economic conditions recently in the lumber and woods industry, many jobs have been curtailed. January 1975 employment statistics show a drop of 1,100 in the lumber and woods industry from one year ago, the majority being in western Montana. The Billings Standard Metropolitan Area recorded the state's largest civilian labor force at 44,300 and most employment at 41,200. The Kalispell Labor Market Area's unemployment rate of 14.7% was the highest in the state, while the Glendive LMA recorded the lowest rate at 5.8%, followed by the Glasgow LMA at 5.9%.

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment (Residence Data) in Montana for January 1975 was 232.2 thousand, down 5.2 thousand from December but up 11.7 thousand from a year earlier. Manufacturing employment dropped 500 from December and 300 from one year ago, while non-manufacturing employment decreased 4.9 thousand from last month but increased 12.0 thousand from January 1974.

Under manufacturing employment, the durable goods industry dropped 300 from last month while nondurable goods dropped 200 from December but remained the same as it was in January 1974. Nonmanufacturing industries showing increases in January over last year were: mining up 300; transportation and public utilities up 100; wholesale and retail trade up 3,300; Finance, Insurance and real estate up 800; services up 3,100 and government up 5,100. Employment for nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households increased 1,500 from last year.

One of Montana's leading employers in the mining and primary metals manufacturing industries announced this month they will cut back 1,500 workers from their payrolls during 1975. Nearly all of these cutbacks will take place in the Butte-Anaconda area. This will have a major economic impact on this area and will also have a noticeable effect throughout the state.

Agricultural employment totaled 24,800 this month, a decrease of 1,000 from December and the same employment as that recorded one year ago. There were 24,600 farms and ranches in Montana during 1974, 2% fewer than in 1973. An estimated 8,901,000 acres were harvested in Montana in 1974, which was .2% more than acreage harvested in 1973. Farmers will plant 12% fewer acres of farmland to hard spring wheat in 1975 which would mean 1.8 million acres would be seeded. Duram wheat seedings will increase by 22% while barley and corn seedings will both be down. Forty-five thousand acres of sugarbeets are expected to be planted, an increase of 300 acres from last year.

There were 253 building permits issued in Montana in December with a total valuation of $8.7 million. In December of 1973, 183 permits were issued valued at $5.8 million. For the 1974 year in Montana, 4,813 permits were issued with a valuation of $111.7 million.

The year prior recorded 4,228 permits issued with a valuation of $100.4 million. Billings led all Montana communities in building permits by issuing 1,065 at a total valuation of $31.5 million. The other two leading areas were Great Falls with 947 permits valued at $10.7 million and Missoula with 617 permits valued at $17.5 million.

The 1974 Montana bank debits increased 28% over the previous year. The biggest percentage increase noted was at Helena, 59%, while Anaconda recorded a 57% increase, and Missoula recorded a 42% increase. Billings had the largest valuation at $4,520 million, while Great Falls had $3,690.4 million and Helena $3,608.6 million.

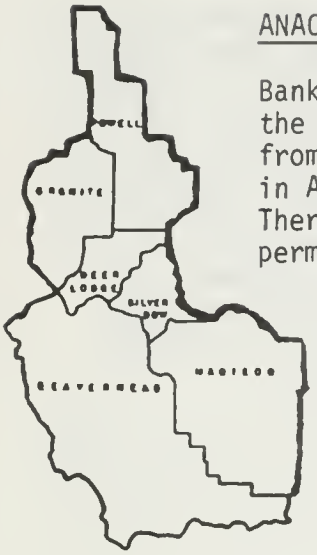
In November, production of crude oil and condensate from the oil and gas areas of Montana averaged 91,261 barrels daily, a decrease of 2,627 from the average production in October. Refineries in the state processed 144,076 barrels of crude oil daily, an increase of 30% over that which was processed one month earlier.

GREAT FALLS SMSA
(Cascade County)

There were 32 building permits issued in Great Falls in December with a valuation of $1,019,000. For the year there were 947 permits issued valued at over $10 million. A local hospital announced a building program at a cost of $3,366,000 this month. Work is planned to begin this spring on the project that will include a new power plant, laundry, general storeroom, tunnel connections and parking. Also, recently announced is the planning of a $15 million medical hospital that would replace an existing facility. This is also expected to begin this spring and will include over 180 beds. The city has submitted an application for federal funds to develop a site for an industrial park on the city's northeast by-pass. Bank debits increased 31% in December over the same month one year ago and in 1974 were up 22% over last year. At Belt, bank debits were up 9% for the year while at Cascade they were up 5%.

BILLINGS SMSA
(Yellowstone County)

Building activity in the Billings Standard Metropolitan Area in 1974 totaled $31.5 million, far ahead of the rest of the state. Among the bigger permits during the year were a shopping center that will contain about 80 businesses, a new $500,000 restaurant, a four-plex theater and a downtown parking garage. During the month of December 53 permits were issued by the city with a total valuation of $1.4 million. At Laurel, 103 permits were issued with a total valuation of nearly $3 million. Last year 63 permits were issued, valued at $756,000. During the 1974 year in the Laurel community a major railroad announced plans for an expansion that will include adding 355 men and a nearly $4 million annual payroll, and spend $4.5 million for its shop expansion there. Bank debits in Billings were up 25% over last year while Laurel was up 8% and the Worden community was also up 8%.



ANACONDA-BUTTE LMA

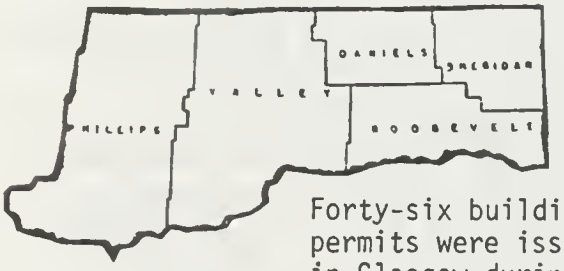
Bank debits in Butte for the 1974 year were up 22% from last year while debits in Anaconda were up 57%. There were 223 building permits issued in 1974 in Butte and Anaconda with a total valuation of $7.5 million. This compares to 179 permits issued last year valued at approximately $3.2 million. Construction in the labor market area is slow as most outside activities were ceased because of cold weather. In Butte a $100,000 contract was awarded for the jail renovation and bids will be opened for several streets that will receive new lighting, signs and widening. Retail and service business is slow in the city with very little new or replacement hiring going on. At Anaconda, construction work continues on the local smelter and the new townhouse complex. The poor lumber market caused the closure of a Philipsburg sawmill in late January affecting approximately 55 to 60 persons. The layoff of nearly 1,500 workers in the copper mining industry during the next year will have a profound affect on this area's economy.

BOZEMAN LMA

There were 10 building permits issued in Bozeman during January valued at $194,000 compared with 8 permits issued in January of 1974 at $116,550. At Livingston in December, 6 permits were issued valued at $64,000. Last year for the same month 8 permits were issued with a valuation of $77,000. Bank debits in Bozeman for the year 1974 were up 11% over last year, while Livingston's debits were also up 11%.

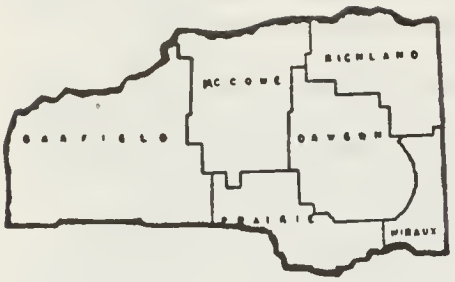
Retail trade and service industries in the labor market area remained slow during the month which is normal for this time of year. Several lumber mill operations are closed and are not expected to reopen until the demand gets better. In Meagher County bids were taken for the Newlan Creek Dam project which is expected to cost between $1.5 million and $2 million. Agricultural activities in the area continue to be slow also, with the care and feeding of livestock being the main activities.

GLASGOW LMA



Forty-six building permits were issued in Glasgow during 1974 with a total valuation of over $1.1 million. Last year, 44 permits were issued valued at just over $1.5 million. In Wolf Point during 1974, 25 permits were issued valued at $402,000 compared with 11 permits issued in 1973 with a valuation of $213,000. All construction work around Glasgow was halted due to the adverse weather conditions in the area. The general retail business continued to have steady trade and the manufacturing company at the Air Force Base experienced the need for some additional workers in assembly-type jobs. Glasgow area bank debits were up 4% over last year. The Fort Peck Indian reservation received a shot in the arm during the month as they received a federal grant of over $82,000 to create emergency public service employment jobs. Construction employment at the tribal housing project at Poplar is fluctuating some as contractors are experiencing bad weather conditions and material shortages.

GLENDIVE LMA

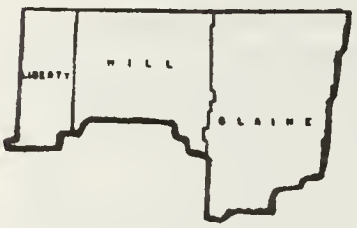


A railroad company will spend $1.7 million on track and other plant improvements in the Glendive - Miles City area during 1974. Bank debits in Glendive were up 36% in January over the same month one year ago and were up 15% for the year. In Sidney, debits were up 7% in January and up 12% for the year. There were 65 building permits issued in Glendive in 1974 with a valuation of over $3.4 million. This compares with 45 issued a year earlier valued at $800,000. In Sidney during 1974, 152 permits were issued with a valuation of over $1.5 million compared with 75 permits issued in 1973 valued at $1.4 million. Mining, wholesale-retail trade and services industries remained steady in the area while manufacturing industry noticed layoffs at the sugar beet factory with 85 more people expected to be laid off in mid-February. The main agricultural activities during the month included calving and general operations.

HARDIN-RED LODGE LMA

The city of Hardin issued 22 permits for 45 housing units in 1974. This compared with 15 permits for 21 units in 1973. There were 54 non-residential permits issued in 1974 valued at $331,000. A new $115,000 building, housing a Federal Savings and Loan Association was the most expensive of the commercial structures. One blow to the area's economy this year was the loss of about 80 jobs with the closing of the carpet mill last summer. By January, an estimated 50% of the mill's employees were still jobless. All other industries in the area were normal for this time of year. At Red Lodge, the ski season is at full pace giving the community a steady retail and service business.

HAVRE LMA

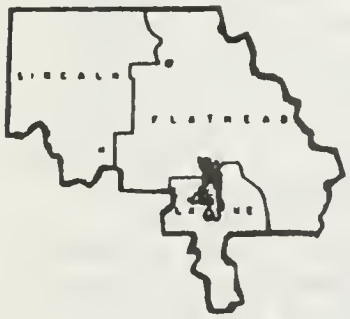


All outside construction projects were shut down during the past month due to the severe weather conditions. 113 building permits were issued during 1974 valued at $2.2 million while in 1973 127 permits were issued at $4.4 million. Wholesale-retail trade and service industries have shown steady activity during the month while others have all remained slow. Bank debits in Havre for the year were up 19% over 1973 and were also up 19% in December over last December. A railroad company plans a number of projects in the Hi-line area this year to include: the re-laying of rail at Havre; installation of sewage treating facilities at the Havre shops; installation of a 12,000-gallon underground fuel storage tank; installation of a 6-inch fuel line for locomotive service at Havre. The main agricultural activity is winter feeding of cattle.

HELENA LMA

Helena bank debits for 1974 were up 59% over the previous year which was the biggest percentage increase for the state. There were 337 building permits issued in Helena during 1974 valued at over $8.9 million, as compared with 290 permits issued in 1973 with a total valuation of $10.7 million. The sulfuric acid plant at the smelter in East Helena will build a control for sulfur dioxide emissions that will cost between $18 and $20 million. With the cold, nearly all construction work in the area was shut down during the month with some inside projects continuing. There is good movement in the wholesale and service industries largely due to the legislative session. A Canadian mining company is planning to begin exploration in the Helena area. Cattlemen are experiencing many problems as the cold and snow this month have caused 100% of the feed intake to be man-fed, and calving problems are complex due to snow depths and sub-zero temperatures.

KALISPELL LMA

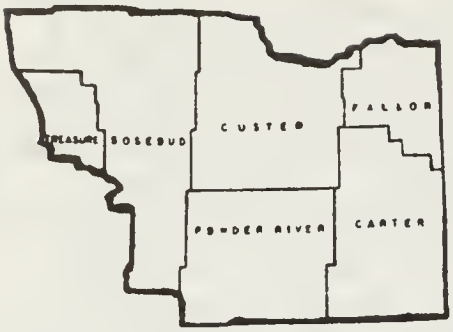


Weather has slowed most outdoor construction activity but it is starting to pick up as better weather conditions are arriving. Three construction projects in the County have been the new hospital at Kalispell, the hospital expansion at Whitefish, and the new Columbia Falls school. The manufacturing industries at Columbia Falls have been steady and at the end of January 935 were employed at the aluminum mill; 500 at a local lumber company and 102 at the fiber board plant. Libby dam construction employment stood at under 200 by the first week in February and employees were working short weeks. A major lumber manufacturer in the area is planning to shut down operations in April to remodel and to install the small log machinery in the sawmill. The retail and service occupations around Libby have been steady during the month. At Polson, adverse weather conditions affected the logging industry while all other industrial groups remained stable.

LEWISTOWN LMA

There were 98 building permits issued in Lewistown in 1974 with a total valuation of $910,000. This compares with 72 permits issued in 1973 valued at $350,000. Bank debits for 1974 were up 4% over 1973. In Harlowton during November, bank debits showed a 6% decrease from one year ago. The Lewistown area had a particularly good construction year in 1974. Among major business construction projects in Lewistown were a new billiards lounge, a $35,000 addition to a medical facility, a $12,000 addition to an auto garage, an addition to a motel, and new warehouses for a bread company and a soft drink company. Construction was also started on an apartment complex, and a remodeling project to house a Federal loan company. Cattle prices were generally down during the month in central Montana.

MILES CITY LMA



Eleven building permits were issued in Miles City in December valued at $89,000. For the year, 246 permits were issued with a total valuation of $1.8 million. Last year for the same period 216 permits were issued with a valuation of $1.1 million. Bank debits in Miles City were up 2% in December over the same month a year ago and were up 14% for the year. There were no significant changes in any of the major industries during the month, and the employment activities in the area were stable as the operations at the Colstrip project resumed. Weather did affect several small construction firms who laid off workers until the weather improves. The community of Lame Deer's Indian Action Team will receive approximately $76,000 worth of Federal funds to be used for such programs as vocational training in such fields as carpentry, plumbing, heavy equipment, electricity, mechanics, steel work and welding.

MISSOULA LMA

The city of Missoula issued 34 permits during January with a valuation of $877,850. That compares with 17 permits with a valuation of $158,450 issued during the first month of 1974. Included in the 34 permits were 27 residential and 7 commercial. Eleven duplexes with a valuation of $271,500 were given permits. The two biggest commercial structures were a $228,100 fire station and a new $62,500 hanger at the airport. The local pulp and paper mill laid off 150 employees on January 11 and about 75 were called back with the other 75 workers' jobs having an uncertain future. At full production this company employs about 500 workers. At Hamilton, construction is to begin about March 1 on a new $1.3 million courthouse. Main street merchants are experiencing a decline in sales as a result of a depressed economy in the area. Although no major curtailments were noted during the month there were some layoffs in the logging industry due to severe weather conditions.

SHELBY-CUT BANK LMA

At Cut Bank 69 building permits were issued in 1974 valued at $589,000. In 1973, 35 permits were issued with a total valuation of $187,000. Bank debits at Cut Bank in 1974 were up 20% over the previous year. In the Browning area, $60,848 has been allocated for the Blackfeet Manpower program for public service job training. Teton County has been granted $508,000 in Federal funds and has generated another $1.3 million for a new hospital nursing home. The number of cattle and calves showed gains this year in Pondera and Teton Counties while Glacier and Toole Counties recorded a drop. A Cut Bank area oilfield led the northcentral area oil production in November with 242,864 barrels during the month. Local government officials advised residents in north central Montana that 50 of the missile sites in and around the area will be reconstructed.

ANTICIPATED DEVELOPMENTS IN MONTANA'S LABOR FORCE

Montana's unemployment is expected to remain above last year's level during March as a depressed economy, especially in the lumber and woods industry, continues. Also, expected to hinder the state's job situation was the announcement by the Anaconda Company that they expect to phase out 1,500 workers in 1975. In April, outdoor activities and the tourist season will begin to increase employment in the state, but again, with the general economic slump which has intensified in recent months, substantially higher unemployment rates will occur through 1975 with little or no relief in sight until late in the year.

MANPOWER PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Program	New Enrollees	Job Placements	End of Month Enrollment
WIN	132	60	779
CETA-CEP	93	31	331
CETA-Inst.	169	16	322
CETA-OJT	38	35	109
Job Corps	66	12	270

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - U. S.[1/]

(1967 = 100)

Group	JAN. 1975	*Percent Change From:* DEC. 1974	JAN. 1974
All Items	156.1	*.5%*	*11.7%*

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE UNEMPLOYED[2/]

JANUARY 1975

Social Characteristics	*Percent of Total Covered Unemployment*
Non-White	*3.5%*
Female	*24.0%*
Youth	*11.0%*
Over 45	*24.5%*

1/ The Consumer Price Index measures changes in prices of goods and services bought by urban wage earners and clerical workers, including families and single persons.

2/ Based on 20% sample of Continued Claims filed during the week including the 19th of each month in all local offices.

Table I

MONTANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 1/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent# Montana	Percent# U. S.	
1973								
January	285.8	261.1	238.7	22.4	24.7	*8.6*	*5.5*	.1
February	288.3	265.6	240.3	25.3	22.7	*7.9*	*5.6*	*
March	298.0	276.1	245.5	30.6	21.9	*7.4*	*5.2*	*
April	304.7	285.3	248.6	36.7	19.4	*6.3*	*4.8*	.2
May	311.5	294.1	255.6	38.5	17.4	*5.6*	*4.3*	.4
June	329.4	306.2	265.1	41.1	23.2	*7.0*	*5.4*	.5
July	330.9	311.6	263.5	48.1	19.3	*5.8*	*5.0*	*
August	339.2	321.8	264.5	57.3	17.4	*5.1*	*4.7*	.1
September	320.8	305.3	260.2	45.1	15.5	*4.8*	*4.7*	.1
October	307.3	292.4	257.5	34.9	14.9	*4.9*	*4.2*	.1
November	303.4	283.6	254.2	29.4	19.8	*6.5*	*4.5*	*
December	299.4	279.8	254.1	25.7	19.6	*6.5*	*4.5*	*
1973 Avg.	309.8	290.2	253.9	36.3	19.6	*6.3*	*4.9*	.1
1974								
January	294.8	270.5	245.7	24.8	24.3	*8.3*	*5.6*	.1
February	297.5	274.0	249.2	24.8	23.5	*7.9*	*5.7*	*
March	307.6	284.8	254.5	30.3	22.8	*7.4*	*5.3*	*
April	317.0	295.0	261.0	34.0	22.0	*6.9*	*4.8*	*
May	329.3	309.5	270.0	39.5	19.8	*6.0*	*4.6*	4.0
June	349.6	323.0	277.9	45.1	26.6	*7.6*	*5.8*	2.0
July	348.8	326.4	277.7	48.7	22.4	*6.4*	*5.6*	*
August	343.3	323.9	277.9	46.0	19.4	*5.7*	*5.3*	.2
September	329.7	312.4	275.6	36.8	17.3	*5.3*	*5.7*	*
October	322.7	304.1	269.2	34.9	18.6	*5.8*	*5.5*	*
November	319.6	296.9	266.5	30.4	22.7	*7.1*	*6.2*	.1
December	314.0	291.0	265.2	25.8	23.0	*7.3*	*6.7*	*
1974 Avg.	322.4	301.0	265.9	35.1	21.4	*6.7*		*
1975								
January	311.9	283.9	259.1	24.8	28.0	*9.0*	*9.0*	*
February	*319.7*	*288.2*	*263.2*	*25.0*	*31.5*	*9.9*		*
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* *Under 50. Current month in italics is a forecast. Previous month preliminary.*
\# *Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers. Series began January 1970.*
1/ *Non-additive - included in total employment. Revised to 1974 Benchmarks.*

RESIDENCE DATA

Table II

GREAT FALLS SMSA (CASCADE COUNTY)

Civilian Labor Force

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 1/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	*Percent#* County	*Percent#* State	
1973								
January	30.2	27.5	26.5	1.0	2.7	*8.8*	*8.6*	*
February	30.4	27.9	26.6	1.3	2.5	*8.3*	*7.9*	*
March	30.7	28.4	27.2	1.2	2.3	*7.4*	*7.4*	*
April	31.8	29.7	28.0	1.7	2.1	*6.7*	*6.3*	*
May	32.2	30.0	28.4	1.6	2.2	*6.9*	*5.6*	*
June	34.2	31.2	29.3	1.9	3.0	*8.8*	*7.0*	0
July	34.1	31.7	29.2	2.5	2.4	*7.0*	*5.8*	0
August	34.4	32.4	29.3	3.1	2.0	*5.9*	*5.1*	0
September	33.0	31.0	29.2	1.8	2.0	*6.2*	*4.8*	*
October	32.0	30.3	28.9	1.4	1.7	*5.4*	*4.9*	0
November	31.4	29.4	28.3	1.1	2.0	*6.3*	*6.5*	*
December	31.4	29.5	28.1	1.4	1.9	*6.0*	*6.5*	*
1973 Avg.	32.1	29.9	28.2	1.7	2.2	*6.8*	*6.3*	*
1974								
January	31.0	28.6	27.6	1.0	2.4	*7.7*	*8.3*	*
February	30.9	28.9	27.7	1.2	2.0	*6.6*	*7.9*	*
March	31.4	29.3	28.2	1.1	2.1	*6.6*	*7.4*	*
April	32.3	30.3	28.8	1.5	2.0	*6.1*	*6.9*	*
May	34.0	31.8	30.2	1.6	2.2	*6.5*	*6.0*	1.4
June	35.6	32.8	30.9	1.9	2.8	*7.9*	*7.6*	1.2
July	34.1	31.7	29.5	2.2	2.4	*6.8*	*6.4*	*
August	34.8	32.6	29.8	2.8	2.2	*6.2*	*5.7*	*
September	33.2	31.3	29.7	1.6	1.9	*5.6*	*5.3*	*
October	32.7	31.0	29.8	1.2	1.7	*5.2*	*5.8*	*
November	32.0	29.9	28.7	1.2	2.1	*6.5*	*7.1*	*
December	31.9	29.9	28.9	1.0	2.0	*6.3*	*7.3*	*
1974 Avg.	32.8	30.7	29.2	1.5	2.1	*6.4*	*6.7*	*
1975								
January	31.5	29.0	28.0	1.0	2.5	*7.8*	*9.0*	*
February	*31.6*	*28.7*	*27.7*	*1.0*	*2.9*	*9.3*	*9.9*	-
March								
April								
May								
June								
July								
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

* *Under 50.* *Current month in italics is a forecast.* *Previous month preliminary.*

\# *Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.* *Series began January 1970.*

1/ *Non-additive - included in total employment.* *Revised to 1974 Benchmarks.*

Table III

BILLINGS SMSA (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)

Civilian Labor Force

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 1/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent# County	Percent# State	
1973								
January	40.3	37.7	37.2	.5	2.6	*6.5*	*8.6*	*
February	40.7	38.4	37.7	.7	2.3	*5.5*	*7.9*	*
March	41.1	39.2	38.4	.8	1.9	*4.7*	*7.4*	0
April	42.1	40.1	39.5	.6	2.0	*4.7*	*6.3*	*
May	42.8	40.7	39.9	.8	2.1	*4.9*	*5.6*	*
June	44.6	41.8	41.2	.6	2.8	*6.1*	*7.0*	.3
July	44.2	41.7	41.0	.7	2.5	*5.7*	*5.8*	*
August	44.3	42.0	41.0	1.0	2.3	*5.2*	*5.1*	*
September	43.0	41.1	40.5	.6	1.9	*4.4*	*4.8*	*
October	44.0	42.0	41.4	.6	2.0	*4.5*	*4.9*	*
November	44.4	42.2	41.6	.6	2.2	*5.1*	*6.5*	*
December	44.0	42.0	41.4	.6	2.0	*4.5*	*6.5*	*
1973 Avg.	42.9	40.7	40.0	.7	2.2	*5.1*	*6.3*	*
1974								
January	42.9	39.7	38.9	.8	3.2	*7.4*	*8.3*	0
February	43.5	41.2	40.2	1.0	2.3	*5.4*	*7.9*	0
March	44.1	41.8	40.6	1.2	2.3	*5.2*	*7.4*	0
April	44.6	42.5	41.2	1.3	2.1	*4.7*	*6.9*	0
May	45.8	43.5	42.1	1.4	2.3	*4.9*	*6.0*	.5
June	47.7	44.3	43.3	1.0	3.4	*7.2*	*7.6*	.5
July	47.0	44.1	42.9	1.2	2.9	*6.3*	*6.4*	*
August	46.4	44.2	42.6	1.6	2.2	*4.8*	*5.7*	*
September	45.4	43.4	42.2	1.2	2.0	*4.5*	*5.3*	*
October	45.7	43.9	42.9	1.0	1.8	*3.9*	*5.8*	*
November	45.8	43.4	42.0	1.4	2.4	*5.2*	*7.1*	*
December	45.5	43.2	42.0	1.2	2.3	*5.1*	*7.3*	*
1974 Avg.	45.3	42.9	41.7	1.2	2.4	*5.3*	*6.7*	*
1975								
January	44.3	41.2	40.1	1.1	3.1	*6.9*	*9.0*	*
February	*44.2*	*40.8*	*39.7*	*1.1*	*3.4*	*7.7*	*9.9*	-
March								
April								
May								
June								
July								
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

* *Under 50.* *Current month in italics is a forecast.* *Previous month preliminary.*

\# *Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.* *Series began January 1970.*

1/ *Non-additive - included in total employment.* *Revised to 1974 Benchmarks.*

RESIDENCE DATA
(ESTABLISHMENT DATA in italics)

Table IV

MONTANA

Statewide Employment by Industry

JANUARY 1975

in Thousands

INDUSTRY	Jan. 1975	Dec. 1974	Jan. 1974	Net Changes to Current Month from: Dec. 1974	Jan. 1974
1. Civilian Labor Force	311.9	314.0	295.5	-2.1	16.4
2. Unemployment	28.0	23.0	25.0	5.0	3.0
Percent of Labor Force[1/]	*9.0*	*7.3*	*8.5*	*1.7*	*.5*
3. Employment, Total	283.9	291.0	270.5	-7.1	13.4
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Adjusted for Dual Job Holders (Residence Data)	230.1	235.3	218.2	-5.2	11.9
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY (Establishment Data)	*232.2*	*237.6*	*220.5*	*-5.4*	*11.7*
MANUFACTURING	*23.2*	*23.7*	*23.5*	*-.5*	*-.3*
Durable Goods	*14.8*	*15.1*	*15.1*	*-.3*	*-.3*
24 Lumber and Wood Products	*8.0*	*8.1*	*9.1*	*-.1*	*-1.1*
33 Primary Metal Industries	*3.5*	*3.6*	*3.2*	*-.1*	*.3*
Other Durable Goods	*3.3*	*3.4*	*2.8*	*-.1*	*.5*
Nondurable Goods	*8.4*	*8.6*	*8.4*	*-.2*	*0*
20 Food and Kindred Products	*3.9*	*4.0*	*4.2*	*-.1*	*-.3*
27 Printing and Publishing	*2.0*	*2.1*	*1.9*	*-.1*	*.1*
29 Petroleum and Coal Products	*1.1*	*1.0*	*1.0*	*.1*	*.1*
Other Nondurable Goods	*1.4*	*1.5*	*1.3*	*-.1*	*.1*
NONMANUFACTURING	*209.0*	*213.9*	*197.0*	*-4.9*	*12.0*
Mining	*7.3*	*7.4*	*7.0*	*-.1*	*.3*
10 Metal Mining	*3.8*	*3.9*	*4.1*	*-.1*	*-.3*
12 & 14 Bitum. Coal, Quarrying, Nonmetal Mining	*1.7*	*1.7*	*1.3*	*0*	*.4*
13 Oil and Gas Extraction	*1.8*	*1.8*	*1.6*	*0*	*.2*

Contract Construction	9.6	11.3	10.3	-1.7	-.7
15 General Building Contractors	4.0	4.6	4.1	-.6	-.1
16 Heavy Construction Contractors	1.5	2.3	1.9	-.8	-.4
17 Special Trade Contractors	4.1	4.4	4.3	-.3	-.2
Transportation and Public Utilities	18.6	18.9	18.5	-.3	.1
40 Railroad Transportation	6.5	6.6	6.1	-.1	.4
41-47 Transportation, except Railroad	4.9	5.1	5.7	-.2	-.8
48 & 49 Commun., Electric, Gas, Sanitary Services	7.2	7.2	6.7	0	.5
Wholesale and Retail Trade	58.5	61.2	55.2	-2.7	3.3
Wholesale Trade	12.5	12.8	11.5	-.3	1.0
Retail Trade	46.0	48.4	43.7	-2.4	2.3
53 & 56 Ret. Gen. Merch., Apparel, Accessories	8.9	9.4	7.8	-.5	1.1
54 Food Stores	6.3	6.5	6.1	-.2	.2
55 Automotive Dealers, Service Stations	8.0	8.1	8.3	-.1	-.3
58 Eating and Drinking Places	13.1	14.0	12.3	-.9	.8
52, 57, 59 Bldg. Mat., Farm Equip., Furn., Misc.	9.7	10.4	9.2	-.7	.5
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	10.7	10.7	9.9	0	.8
Services	44.0	44.1	40.9	-.1	3.1
70 Hotels and other Lodging Places	5.3	5.7	4.9	-.4	.4
72 Personal Services	2.8	2.8	2.5	0	.3
80 Medical and other Health Services	14.0	14.0	13.1	0	.9
Other Services	21.9	21.6	20.4	.3	1.5
Government	60.3	60.3	55.2	0	5.1
91 Federal Government	11.8	12.1	11.5	-.3	.3
State and Local Government	48.5	48.2	43.7	.3	4.8
92 State Government	17.6	17.2	16.6	.4	1.0
93 Local Government	30.9	31.0	27.1	-.1	3.8
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment[2/]	29.0	29.9	27.5	-.9	1.5
(c) Agriculture	24.8	25.8	24.8	-1.0	0
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes[3/]	*	*	.1	-	-

1/ Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers. Current month preliminary. Revised to 1974 Benchmarks.
2/ Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.
3/ Non-Additive, included in Line (a). Establishment Series began January 1964; Residence Series began January 1970.
** Under 50. Produced in cooperation with U.S. Dept. of Labor Manpower Administration and Bureau of Labor Statistics.*

RESIDENCE DATA
(ESTABLISHMENT DATA in italics)

Table V

GREAT FALLS SMSA (CASCADE COUNTY)

Employment by Industry

JANUARY 1975

in Thousands

INDUSTRY	Jan. 1975	Dec. 1974	Jan. 1974	Net Changes to Current Month from: Dec. 1974	Jan. 1974
1. Civilian Labor Force	31.5	31.9	31.0	-.4	.5
2. Unemployment	2.5	2.0	2.4	.5	.1
Percent of Labor Force#	*7.8*	*6.3*	*7.7*	*1.5*	*.1*
3. Employment, Total	29.0	29.9	28.6	-.9	.4
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Adjusted for Dual Job Holders (Residence Data)	25.7	26.6	25.3	-.9	.4
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY (Establishment Data)	*26.8*	*27.6*	*25.7*	*-.8*	*1.1*
MANUFACTURING	*1.9*	*1.9*	*1.9*	*0*	*0*
NONMANUFACTURING	*24.9*	*25.7*	*23.8*	*-.8*	*1.1*
Contract Construction	*1.3*	*1.6*	*1.2*	*-.3*	*.1*
Transportation and Public Utilities	*2.5*	*2.5*	*2.2*	*0*	*.3*
Wholesale and Retail Trade	*7.8*	*8.2*	*7.5*	*-.4*	*.3*
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	*1.9*	*1.9*	*1.7*	*0*	*.2*
Services and Mining	*5.5*	*5.6*	*5.4*	*-.1*	*.1*
Government	*5.9*	*5.9*	*5.8*	*0*	*.1*
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment 1/	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0
(c) Agriculture	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes 2/	*	*	*	-	-

1/ *Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.*

\# *Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.* * *Under 50.* *Current month preliminary.*
Establishment Series began January 1958. *Residence Series began January 1970.*
Produced in cooperation with U. S. Dept. of Labor Manpower Administration and Bureau of Labor Statistics. *Revised to 1973 Benchmarks.*

2/ *Non-Additive - Included in Line (a).*

Table VI

BILLINGS SMSA (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)

Employment by Industry

JANUARY 1975

in Thousands

INDUSTRY	Jan. 1975	Dec. 1974	Jan. 1974	Net Changes to Current Month from: Dec. 1974	Jan. 1974
1. Civilian Labor Force	44.3	45.5	42.9	-1.2	1.4
2. Unemployment	3.1	2.3	3.2	.8	-.1
Percent of Labor Force#	*6.9*	*5.1*	*7.4*	*1.8*	*-.5*
3. Employment, Total	41.2	43.2	39.7	-.2	1.5
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Adjusted for Dual Job Holders (Residence Data)	36.1	37.9	35.0	-1.8	1.1
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY (Establishment Data)	*36.3*	*38.1*	*35.6*	*-1.8*	*.7*
MANUFACTURING	*3.3*	*3.5*	*3.8*	*-.2*	*-.5*
NONMANUFACTURING	*33.0*	*34.6*	*31.8*	*-1.6*	*1.2*
Contract Construction	*1.6*	*1.9*	*1.7*	*-.3*	*-.1*
Transportation and Public Utilities	*3.5*	*3.6*	*3.4*	*-.1*	*.1*
Wholesale and Retail Trade	*11.3*	*12.2*	*11.1*	*-.9*	*.2*
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	*1.9*	*1.9*	*1.8*	*0*	*.1*
Services and Mining	*8.1*	*8.1*	*7.4*	*0*	*.7*
Government	*6.6*	*6.9*	*6.4*	*-.3*	*.2*
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment 1/	4.0	4.1	3.9	-.1	.1
(c) Agriculture	1.1	1.2	.8	-.1	.3
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes 2/	*	*	0	-	-

1/ *Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.*

\# *Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers* * *Under 50.* *Current month preliminary.*
Establishment Series began January 1958. *Residence Series began January 1970.*
Produced in cooperation with U. S. Dept. of Labor Manpower Administration and Bureau of Labor Statistics. *Revised to 1973 Benchmarks.*

2/ *Non-Additive - Included in Line (a).*

Table VII

MONTANA LABOR MARKET AREAS[1/]

Civilian Labor Force

in Thousands

	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
	Nov. 1974	Dec. 1974	Jan. 1975	Nov. 1974	Dec. 1974	Jan. 1975	Nov. 1974	Dec. 1974	Jan. 1975	Nov. 1974	Dec. 1974	Jan. 1975
STATEWIDE	319.6	314.0	311.9	296.9	291.0	283.9	22.8	23.0	28.0	7.1	7.3	9.1
GREAT FALLS SMSA	32.0	31.9	31.5	30.0	29.9	29.0	2.1	2.0	2.5	6.4	6.3	7.9
BILLINGS SMSA	45.8	45.5	44.3	43.4	43.2	41.2	2.4	2.3	3.1	5.2	5.1	6.9
BALANCE OF STATE[2/]	241.8	236.6	236.1	223.5	217.9	213.7	18.3	18.7	22.4	7.6	8.0	9.5
ANACONDA-BUTTE	33.6	32.3	32.7	31.2	30.0	29.7	2.4	2.4	3.0	7.0	7.5	9.3
BOZEMAN	23.7	22.3	22.3	21.9	20.6	20.2	1.8	1.7	2.1	7.5	7.8	9.2
GLASGOW	15.4	16.1	16.0	14.8	15.4	15.1	.6	.7	.9	4.2	4.2	5.9
GLENDIVE	12.8	12.8	12.7	12.3	12.2	12.0	.5	.6	.7	4.1	4.3	5.8
HARDIN-RED LODGE	9.8	9.6	9.5	9.1	8.9	8.6	.7	.7	.9	7.1	7.5	9.1
HAVRE	12.0	12.0	11.9	11.5	11.4	11.1	.5	.6	.8	4.6	4.8	6.5
HELENA	21.3	20.5	20.8	20.0	19.2	19.1	1.3	1.3	1.7	6.3	6.5	8.4
KALISPELL	32.4	32.4	32.0	28.4	27.9	27.3	4.0	4.5	4.7	12.3	13.9	14.7
LEWISTOWN	10.9	10.6	10.4	10.3	10.0	9.7	.6	.6	.7	5.9	5.7	7.1
MILES CITY	12.8	12.4	12.4	12.2	11.8	11.6	.6	.6	.8	4.4	4.8	6.7
MISSOULA	40.0	39.1	39.1	35.5	34.7	34.2	4.5	4.4	4.9	11.1	11.3	12.4
SHELBY-CUT BANK	17.1	16.5	16.1	16.3	15.8	15.1	.8	.8	1.0	4.4	4.1	9.4

1/ A list of counties included in each Labor Market Area appears on page 29. See map on inside back cover.
2/ Statewide, excluding Great Falls and Billings Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas.

TABLE VIII

MONTANA LABOR MARKET AREAS[1/]

Civilian Labor Force

in Thousands

	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
	Jan. 1975	Jan. 1974	Percent Change 1974-1975	Jan. 1975	Jan. 1974	Percent Change 1974-1975	Jan. 1975	Jan. 1974	Net Change 1974-1975	Jan. 1975	Jan. 1974	Net Change 1974-1975
STATEWIDE	311.9	295.5	*5.5*	283.9	270.5	*5.0*	28.0	25.0	3.0	*9.0*	*8.5*	*.5*
GREAT FALLS SMSA	31.5	31.2	*1.0*	29.0	28.6	*1.4*	2.5	2.6	-.1	*7.8*	*8.2*	*-.4*
BILLINGS SMSA	44.3	43.7	*1.4*	41.2	40.5	*1.7*	3.1	3.2	-.1	*6.9*	*7.3*	*-.4*
BALANCE OF STATE[2/]	236.1	220.6	*7.0*	213.7	201.4	*6.1*	22.4	19.2	3.2	*9.5*	*8.7*	*.8*
ANACONDA-BUTTE	32.7	32.4	*1.0*	29.7	30.1	*-1.3*	3.0	2.3	.7	*9.3*	*7.1*	*2.2*
BOZEMAN	22.3	22.3	*0*	20.2	20.7	*-2.4*	2.1	1.6	.5	*9.2*	*7.0*	*2.2*
GLASGOW	16.0	13.6	*17.6*	15.1	12.6	*19.8*	.9	1.0	-.1	*5.9*	*7.0*	*-1.1*
GLENDIVE	12.7	11.4	*11.4*	12.0	10.7	*12.1*	.7	.7	0	*5.8*	*6.2*	*-.4*
HARDIN-RED LODGE	9.5	9.5	*0*	8.6	8.6	*0*	.9	.9	0	*9.0*	*9.0*	*0*
HAVRE	11.9	10.5	*13.3*	11.1	9.7	*14.4*	.8	.8	0	*6.5*	*8.1*	*-1.6*
HELENA	20.8	20.3	*2.5*	19.1	18.7	*2.1*	1.7	1.6	.1	*8.4*	*7.8*	*.6*
KALISPELL	32.0	29.3	*9.2*	27.3	25.2	*8.3*	4.7	4.1	.6	*14.7*	*14.0*	*.7*
LEWISTOWN	10.4	9.1	*14.3*	9.7	8.3	*16.9*	.7	.8	-.1	*7.1*	*8.8*	*-1.7*
MILES CITY	12.4	11.6	*6.9*	11.6	10.9	*6.4*	.8	.7	.1	*6.7*	*6.3*	*.4*
MISSOULA	39.1	36.9	*6.0*	34.2	33.4	*2.4*	4.9	3.5	1.4	*12.4*	*9.6*	*2.8*
SHELBY-CUT BANK	16.1	13.7	*17.5*	15.1	12.5	*20.8*	1.0	1.2	-.2	*9.4*	*9.0*	*.4*

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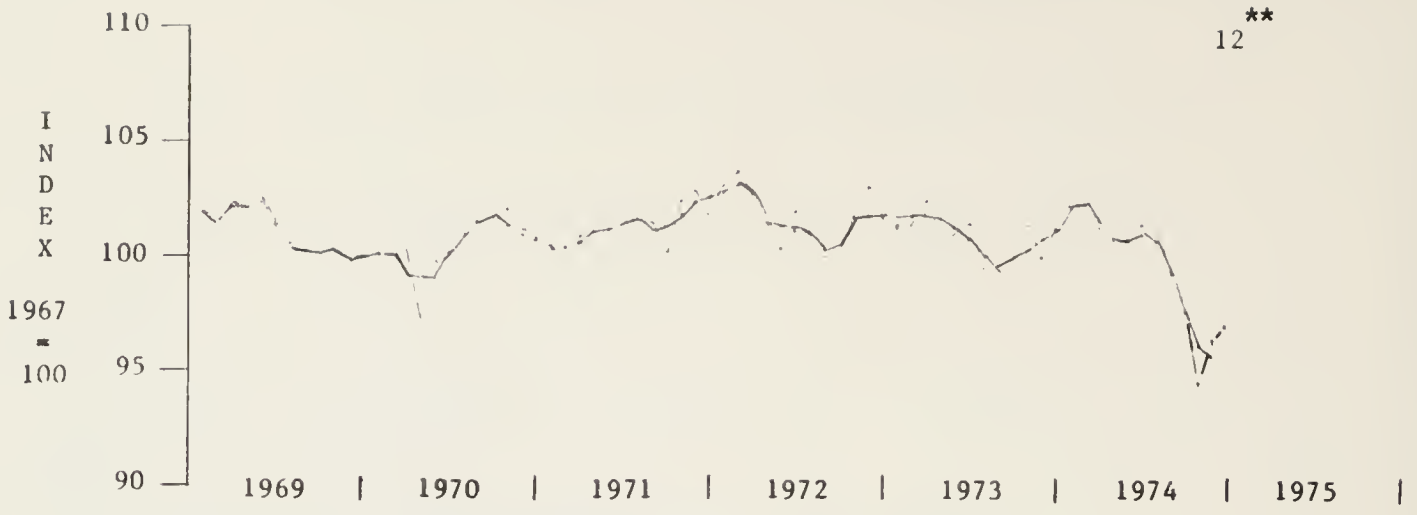
2/ Statewide, excluding Great Falls and Billings Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas.

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

COMPOSITE INDEX OF SIX LEADING INDICATORS*



Composite Index of
SIX LEADING INDICATORS
1967 = 100

1974	
January	102.7
February	103.0
March	101.4
April	100.6
May	100.3
June	101.6
July	101.5
August	99.4
September	97.7
October	94.3
November	96.1
December	96.9p
1975	
January	
February	
March	
April	
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MONTANA'S COMPOSITE INDEX

Montana's Composite Index continued its trend reversal through the month of December. This change is attributable to a slight decline in average weekly initial claims and increased average weekly hours, and an unexplainable, strong increase in building permits. Preliminary data indicate that accessions and layoffs will remain stable. In spite of this leveling off, accessions for the fourth quarter of 1974 were at their lowest fourth quarter level since 1960, and layoffs at their highest level since the fourth quarter of 1967.

On a yearly average the Composite Index is at the lowest level since the beginning of the series in 1965. A continued leveling-off trend is expected but a recovery is not expected until late in 1975.

In the graph above the solid line is a three-month moving average which removes irregular effects and more clearly shows the cyclical trend.

* *Employment, Average Weekly Hours, Total Accessions, and Layoffs in Manufacturing; Building Permits, and Average Weekly Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims.*

** *Indicates last month of plotted data.* *p: Preliminary.*

REAL SPENDABLE AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS

OF PRIVATE NONAGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION WORKERS (1967 DOLLARS)

	Jan. 1975	Dec. 1974	Jan. 1974
Gross Average Weekly Earnings	$153.13	$154.28	$143.47
Taxes Withheld	-22.69	-22.94	-21.33
Spendable Earnings	130.44	131.35	122.14
Adjustment for Price Changes Since 1967	-46.88	-46.83	-33.85
Real Spendable Earnings in 1967 Dollars	83.56	84.52	88.29

1974	
January	$88.29
February	86.96
March	87.04
April	87.65
May	87.31
June	88.35
July	91.50
August	90.31
September	88.10
October	87.46
November	85.40
December	84.52

1975	
January	83.56[p]
February	
March	
April	
May	
June	
July	
August	
September	
October	
November	
December	

January average weekly earnings were $153.13 compared with December 1974 earnings of $154.28, or a $1.15 decline in January. The principal cause of decreased earnings is the continued decline in the average weekly hours worked in January. The shorter work week is expected to continue as long as the state and national economy remains suppressed. Naturally, as gross income fell and inflation continued, disposable income also decreased. Net spendable earnings in January 1975 were $83.56, down $.96 from December's $84.52. Comparing January 1975 with January 1974, the net drop in disposable income is $4.78.

NOTE: The 1974 Real Spendable Average Weekly Earnings have been adjusted to the revised U. S. Consumer Price Index.

** *Indicates last month of plotted data.* *p: Preliminary.*

MONTANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 1/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent Montana	Percent U. S.	
1973								
January	304.0	283.9	252.1	31.8	20.1	*6.6*	*5.0*	.1
February	306.6	288.0	254.0	34.0	18.6	*6.1*	*5.1*	*
March	310.1	291.9	256.0	35.9	18.2	*5.9*	*5.0*	*
April	307.9	288.9	253.4	35.5	19.0	*6.2*	*5.0*	.2
May	308.4	289.1	253.3	35.8	19.3	*6.3*	*5.0*	.4
June	308.1	287.6	253.4	34.2	20.5	*6.7*	*4.8*	.5
July	310.4	290.1	252.9	37.2	20.3	*6.5*	*4.7*	*
August	312.1	292.6	253.1	39.5	19.5	*6.2*	*4.8*	.1
September	313.0	292.9	253.6	39.3	20.1	*6.4*	*4.8*	.1
October	312.4	291.9	254.4	37.5	20.5	*6.6*	*4.5*	.1
November	312.1	290.7	254.5	36.2	21.4	*6.9*	*4.7*	*
December	310.6	291.5	256.9	34.6	19.1	*6.1*	*4.8*	*
1973 Avg.	309.8	290.2	253.9	36.3	19.6	*6.3*	*4.9*	.1
1974								
January	314.5	294.7	259.5	35.2	19.8	*6.3*	*5.2*	.1
February	316.0	296.7	263.4	33.3	19.3	*6.1*	*5.2*	*
March	319.6	300.7	265.4	35.3	18.9	*5.9*	*5.1*	*
April	320.5	299.0	266.1	32.9	21.5	*6.7*	*5.0*	*
May	326.3	304.3	267.6	36.7	22.0	*6.7*	*5.2*	4.0
June	326.7	303.2	265.7	37.5	23.5	*7.2*	*5.2*	2.0
July	327.8	304.2	266.5	37.7	23.6	*7.2*	*5.3*	*
August	319.4	297.6	265.9	31.7	21.8	*6.8*	*5.4*	.2
September	323.2	300.7	268.7	32.0	22.5	*7.0*	*5.8*	*
October	329.0	303.4	266.0	37.4	25.6	*7.8*	*6.0*	*
November	328.7	304.2	266.8	37.4	24.5	*7.5*	*6.6*	.1
December	325.3	302.9	268.1	34.8	22.4	*6.9*	*7.2*	*
1974 Avg.	322.4	301.0	265.9	35.1	21.4	*6.7*		*
1975								
January	331.6	308.8	273.7	35.1	22.8	*6.9*	*8.2*	*
February	*337.6*	*311.8*	*278.2*	*33.6*	*25.8*	*7.6*		*
March								
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November								
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Avg.								

* *Under 50.* *Current month in italics is a forecast.* *Previous month preliminary.*

1/ Non-additive - included in total employment. *Series began January 1970.*

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RESIDENCE DATA

Table X

GREAT FALLS SMSA (CASCADE COUNTY)

Civilian Labor Force

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute[1/]
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	*Percent* County	State	
1973								
January	31.5	29.2	27.9	1.3	2.3	*7.3*	*6.6*	*
February	31.7	29.5	27.9	1.6	2.2	*6.9*	*6.1*	*
March	31.6	29.4	28.0	1.4	2.2	*7.0*	*5.9*	*
April	31.9	29.7	28.2	1.5	2.2	*6.9*	*6.2*	*
May	32.1	29.8	28.2	1.6	2.3	*7.2*	*6.3*	*
June	32.2	29.8	28.3	1.5	2.4	*7.5*	*6.7*	0
July	32.6	30.3	28.2	2.1	2.3	*7.0*	*6.5*	0
August	32.9	30.8	28.5	2.3	2.1	*6.4*	*6.2*	0
September	32.4	30.2	28.6	1.6	2.2	*6.8*	*6.4*	*
October	32.5	30.3	28.7	1.6	2.2	*6.8*	*6.6*	0
November	31.8	29.6	28.2	1.4	2.2	*6.9*	*6.9*	*
December	32.1	30.1	28.3	1.8	2.0	*6.2*	*6.1*	*
1973 Avg.	32.1	29.9	28.2	1.7	2.2	*6.8*	*6.3*	*
1974								
January	32.4	30.4	29.1	1.3	2.0	*6.2*	*6.3*	*
February	32.3	30.5	29.0	1.5	1.8	*5.6*	*6.1*	*
March	32.2	30.2	29.0	1.2	2.0	*6.2*	*5.9*	*
April	32.4	30.3	29.0	1.3	2.1	*6.5*	*6.7*	*
May	33.9	31.6	30.0	1.6	2.3	*6.8*	*6.7*	1.4
June	33.7	31.4	29.9	1.5	2.3	*6.8*	*7.2*	1.2
July	32.7	30.4	28.5	1.9	2.3	*7.0*	*7.2*	*
August	33.5	31.1	29.0	2.1	2.4	*7.2*	*6.8*	*
September	32.5	30.5	29.1	1.4	2.0	*6.2*	*7.0*	*
October	33.1	30.9	29.6	1.3	2.2	*6.6*	*7.8*	*
November	32.5	30.2	28.7	1.5	2.3	*7.1*	*7.5*	*
December	32.5	30.4	29.1	1.3	2.1	*6.5*	*6.9*	*
1974 Avg.	32.8	30.7	29.2	1.5	2.1	*6.4*	*6.7*	*
1975								
January	32.9	30.8	29.5	1.3	2.1	*6.4*	*6.9*	*
February	*33.0*	*30.5*	*29.3*	*1.2*	*2.5*	*7.6*	*7.6*	
March								
April								
May								
June								
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October								
November								
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Avg..								

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Table XI

BILLINGS SMSA (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)

Civilian Labor Force

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 1/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent County	Percent State	
1973								
January	41.9	39.6	38.9	.7	2.3	*5.5*	*6.6*	*
February	42.2	40.2	39.3	.9	2.0	*4.7*	*6.1*	*
March	42.4	40.7	39.7	1.0	1.7	*4.0*	*5.9*	0
April	42.6	40.4	39.8	.6	2.2	*5.2*	*6.2*	*
May	42.9	40.5	39.8	.7	2.4	*5.6*	*6.3*	*
June	42.8	40.5	40.0	.5	2.3	*5.4*	*6.7*	.3
July	43.1	40.7	40.2	.5	2.4	*5.6*	*6.5*	*
August	43.5	41.2	40.4	.8	2.3	*5.3*	*6.2*	*
September	43.0	40.8	40.3	.5	2.2	*5.1*	*6.4*	*
October	43.9	41.1	40.5	.6	2.8	*6.4*	*6.6*	*
November	43.6	41.4	40.8	.6	2.2	*5.1*	*6.9*	*
December	43.7	41.7	41.0	.7	2.0	*4.6*	*6.1*	*
1973 Avg.	42.9	40.7	40.0	.7	2.2	*5.1*	*6.3*	*
1974								
January	44.4	41.6	40.6	1.0	2.8	*6.3*	*6.3*	0
February	45.2	43.2	41.9	1.3	2.0	*4.4*	*6.1*	0
March	45.4	43.4	41.9	1.5	2.0	*4.4*	*5.9*	0
April	45.2	42.9	41.5	1.4	2.3	*5.1*	*6.7*	0
May	45.9	43.3	42.0	1.3	2.6	*5.7*	*6.7*	.5
June	45.7	42.9	42.0	.9	2.8	*6.1*	*7.2*	.5
July	45.8	43.0	42.1	.9	2.8	*6.1*	*7.2*	*
August	45.5	43.3	42.0	1.3	2.2	*4.8*	*6.8*	*
September	45.4	43.0	42.0	1.0	2.4	*5.3*	*7.0*	*
October	45.5	43.0	42.0	1.0	2.5	*5.5*	*7.8*	*
November	45.1	42.7	41.2	1.5	2.4	*5.3*	*7.5*	*
December	45.3	43.0	41.6	1.4	2.3	*5.1*	*6.9*	*
1974 Avg.	45.3	42.9	41.7	1.2	2.4	*5.3*	*6.7*	*
1975								
January	46.0	43.3	41.9	1.4	2.7	*5.9*	*6.9*	*
February	*45.8*	*42.8*	*41.4*	*1.4*	*3.0*	*6.6*	*7.6*	-
March								
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1/ *Non-additive - included in Total Employment.* *Series began January 1970.*

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Table XII

MONTANA HOURS AND EARNINGS

For Private Nonagricultural Industries

JANUARY 1975

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Ear		
	Jan. 1975	Dec. 1974	Jan. 1974	Jan. 1975	Dec. 1974	Jan. 1974	Jan. 1975	Dec. 1974	
TOTAL PRIVATE	$153.13	$154.28	$143.47	36.2	36.3	36.6	$4.23	$4.25	$
MANUFACTURING	189.67	189.81	187.23	36.9	37.0	39.5	5.14	5.13	
Durable Goods	183.09	183.30	184.00	35.9	35.8	38.9	5.10	5.12	
Primary Metal Industries	229.54	228.97	198.28	40.2	40.1	40.3	5.71	5.71	
Nondurable Goods	205.15	206.00	194.21	39.3	40.0	40.8	5.22	5.15	
Food and Kindred Products	194.52	194.62	183.94	41.3	42.4	41.9	4.71	4.59	
MINING	252.70	258.50	226.95	41.7	43.3	42.5	6.06	5.97	
Metal Mining	252.63	261.38	227.28	40.1	42.5	41.1	6.30	6.15	
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	264.80	280.01	244.32	34.3	35.4	37.3	7.72	7.91	(
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	248.89	254.72	231.84	42.4	43.1	42.0	5.87	5.91	!
Communications, Electric, Gas, Sanitary Services	199.82	199.31	183.53	38.8	38.7	39.3	5.15	5.15	4
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	121.07	120.35	113.67	35.4	35.5	35.3	3.42	3.39	3
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	115.29	114.39	106.74	36.6	36.9	35.7	3.15	3.10	2
SERVICES	103.23	102.92	89.97	33.3	33.2	33.2	3.10	3.10	2

Data for current month are preliminary.
Averages are based on gross earnings, including overtime and premium pay.
Selected Industries series began January 1956; Total Private Sector series began January 1965 (May 1972 issue).
Prepared by U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Table XIII

MONTANA LABOR TURNOVER RATES

In Manufacturing and Mining Industries

(per 100 employees)

DECEMBER 1974

	ACCESSION RATES						SEPARATION RATES								
	Total			New Hires			Total			Quits			Layoffs		
	Dec. 1974	Nov. 1974	Dec. 1973	Dec. 1974	Nov. 1974	Dec. 1973	Dec. 1974	Nov. 1974	Dec. 1973	Dec. 1974	Nov. 1974	Dec. 1973	Dec. 1974	Nov. 1974	Dec. 1973
MANUFACTURING	2.0	1.9	2.2	1.2	1.6	1.7	3.7	3.8	3.9	0.8	1.2	1.5	2.2	2.2	1.4
Durable Goods	2.4	1.4	1.7	1.3	1.1	1.2	3.6	4.0	4.4	0.7	0.9	1.6	2.0	2.6	1.5
Primary Metal Industries	1.9	0.4	1.9	0.9	0.3	0.5	3.1	4.6	4.8	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.7	3.2	.3
Nondurable Goods	1.3	2.8	3.0	1.2	2.4	2.6	3.8	3.6	3.1	1.0	1.6	1.4	2.6	1.3	1.7
MINING	1.6	1.6	6.0	1.3	1.3	3.7	3.2	4.1	4.1	1.2	1.7	1.3	0.6	1.4	.3
Metal Mining	0.8	0.5	5.2	0.3	0.0	1.2	1.8	5.6	3.5	0.6	1.5	0.9	0.2	2.7	1.9

Prepared by U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.
Series began January 1959.

NEW BUSINESS FIRMS IN MONTANA

New business firms in Montana are a reflection of economic activity within the business community. Data furnished on this page and the following page are an aggregate of information supplied by the office of the Montana Secretary of State and the Montana Employment Security Division. These data should in no way be construed as being absolute. They are presented to indicate business trends during the survey period.

The chart on the following page is a break-down by county and labor market area of business starts during the month of January 1975.

The following chart is a break-down of new businesses in Montana by industry in January.

INDUSTRY	NUMBER
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, AND FISHERIES	38
MINING	12
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	25
MANUFACTURING	7
TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATION, ELECTRIC, GAS, AND SANITARY SERVICES	8
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	46
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	29
SERVICES	87
TOTAL	252

MONTANA LABOR MARKET AREAS

WITH COUNTIES INCLUDED IN EACH AREA

January 1975 - 252 Total New Firms

Areas	New Business Firms
GREAT FALLS SMSA	
Cascade	17
ANACONDA-BUTTE LMA	21
Beaverhead	4
Deer Lodge	1
Granite	0
Madison	4
Powell	4
Silver Bow	8
BOZEMAN LMA	23
Gallatin	20
Meagher	1
Park	2
GLASGOW LMA	16
Daniels	4
Phillips	2
Roosevelt	6
Sheridan	1
Valley	3
GLENDIVE LMA	9
Dawson	3
Garfield	1
McCone	1
Prairie	0
Richland	3
Wibaux	1
HARDIN-RED LODGE LMA	5
Big Horn	5
Carbon	0
Stillwater	0
Sweet Grass	0
HAVRE LMA	11
Blaine	1
Hill	9
Liberty	1

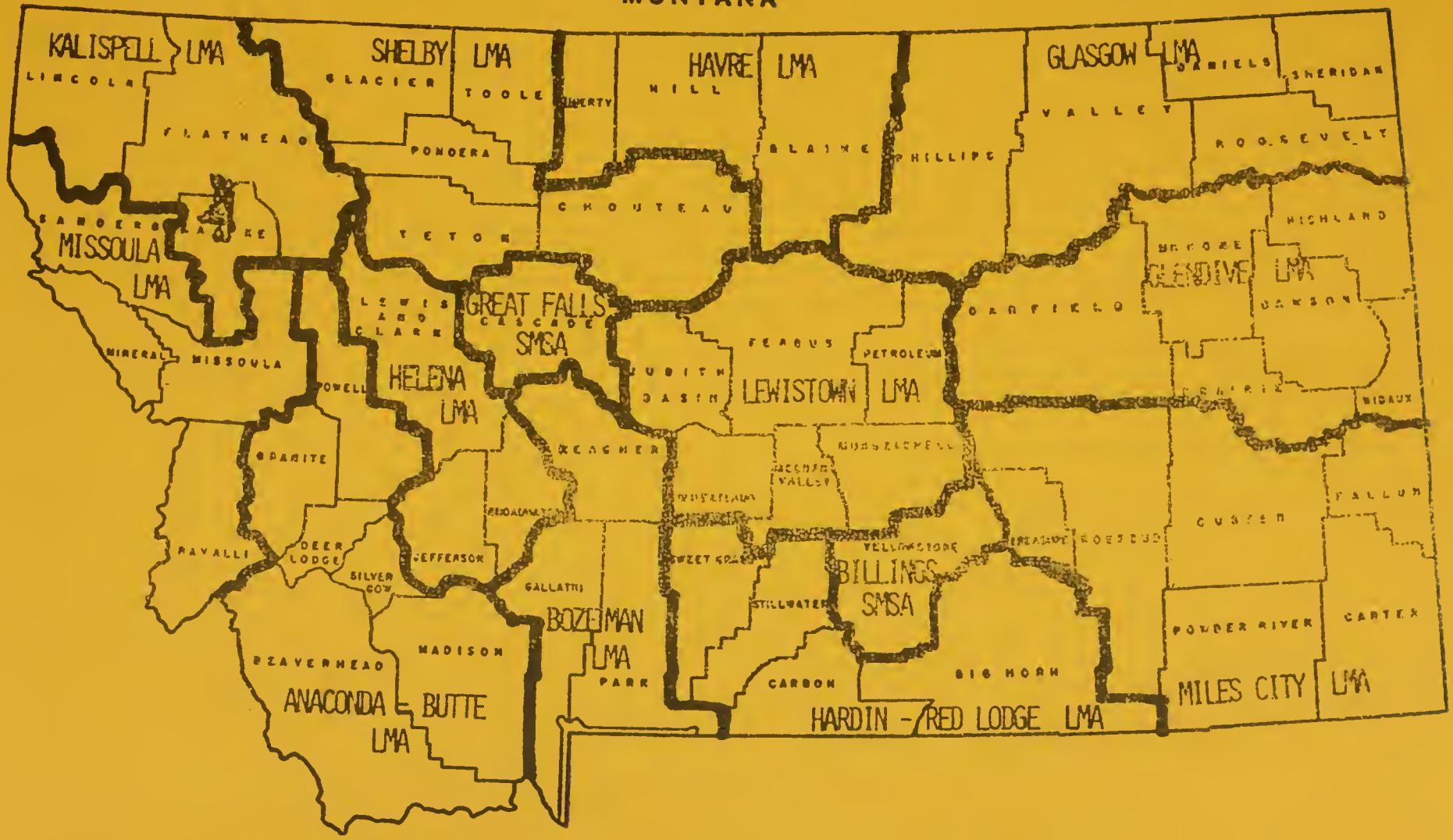
Areas	New Business Firms
BILLINGS SMSA	
Yellowstone	42
HELENA LMA	19
Broadwater	1
Jefferson	2
Lewis and Clark	16
KALISPELL LMA	26
Flathead	15
Lake	5
Lincoln	6
LEWISTOWN LMA	3
Fergus	3
Golden Valley	0
Judith Basin	0
Musselshell	0
Petroleum	0
Wheatland	0
MILES CITY LMA	19
Carter	3
Custer	5
Fallon	1
Powder River	2
Rosebud	8
Treasure	0
MISSOULA LMA	30
Mineral	2
Missoula	25
Ravalli	1
Sanders	2
SHELBY LMA	11
Chouteau	2
Glacier	3
Pondera	0
Teton	2
Toole	4

Source of Data: State of Montana Employment Security Division, Research and Analysis Section; Montana Secretary of State.

LABOR MARKET AREAS

IN

MONTANA



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